

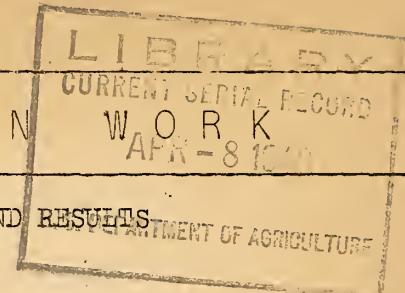
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WARTIME EXTENSION

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SUMMARY OF EXTENSION WORK, TECHNIQUES, AND RESULTS BASED ON STATE REPORTS

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This week's reports from State Extension Services continue emphasis on farm mobilization and preparation of groundwork for reaching 1943 production goals. Growing importance of neighborhood leaders to production and other wartime programs significant trend.

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ALABAMA
January 11, 1943

Soil conservation. - Widespread application of soil and moisture conservation to help get maximum production is being fostered in move by Extension, SCS, and AAA. Program included giving intensive training in conservation to county extension workers, AAA committeemen, neighborhood leaders, bankers, and others who will carry message to every Alabama farmer.

Poultry. - Chicken population increased 15 percent and egg production 20 percent in 1942. Eggs: Almost 54 million dozen. More hatcheries: 4 in 1941, 64 in 1942. Extension poultry program intensified to meet even larger goals.

Seed. - 5 Million pounds estimate of winter legume seed saved in '42 in Extension promoted drive.

Fertilizer. - 1943 program to encourage maximum use of lime, phosphate, and legumes. Object: To help overcome nitrogen, labor, equipment shortages and grow more feed crops, especially temporary grazing crops to supplement permanent pasture.

Home demonstration. - Sales of over \$578,000 in 1942 reported by the 20 home demonstration curb markets.

ILLINOIS
January 9, 1943

Farm mobilization. - 28,000 neighborhood leaders to be used in mobilizing farm families on January 12.

Soil conservation. - Extension, Soil Conservation Service, and Farm Security Administration to work with county conservation associations for wider adoption of conservation practices in 1943 production.

Wartime Education. - Following Extension-Vocational Agricultural Conference letter sent to each county agent and vocational agricultural teacher suggesting county meeting, including planning committee, to coordinate wartime educational program and special war production courses sponsored by Vocational Agriculture

Farm machinery. - Over 2,000 farm people in 52 counties given instruction in care, repair, and operation.

Soybean storage. - Blueprints for low-cost soybean storage bins distributed by request to over half of lumber dealers in State.

Forestry. - Black walnut inventory for war needs now under way by school district leaders. List of 829 local sawmills compiled.

KANSAS
January 12, 1943

Farm mobilization. - 1943 production launched at State training meeting of all war board agencies. Shortly thereafter five teams representing all war board agencies held county meetings with representatives of these agencies in each of the fifteen type of farming areas. Follow-up to be made in each of the 103 organized counties. Extension's job will be directing farmers' attention to good farming practices.

How to do it. - Practices included use of water heaters for livestock in cold weather; care of cream separators; encouraging ordering baby chicks early to keep hatcheries running at capacity.

Farm management. - Barnyard meetings for cooperators in 11 counties stressed balancing farm crops and livestock to make most efficient use of labor, equipment, and credit.

Machinery and equipment. - Meetings held in 16 counties on home-made electrical equipment, care and repair of electrical wiring devices; also on repair, adjustment, and care of plows, mowers, planting equipment.

Share-the-meat. - Neighborhood leaders in 102 counties given information on share-the-meat campaign to carry to farm families.

Information. - Food-for Freedom stories released to 55 dailies, 466 weeklies. 47 articles released to 29 cooperating commercial radio stations. A number of county agents are conducting regularly scheduled programs over local stations.

Neighborhood leader. - Publication, "The Neighborhood Leader," sent monthly to 19,700 leaders.

VIRGINIA
January 1, 1943

Production goals. - 25,000 copies of bulletin, "Virginia's 1943 Production Goals and Suggestions for Meeting Them," sent to extension workers, AAA committeemen, and neighborhood leaders.

Home food supply. - County figures indicate upward trend. Almost 800 home demonstration women in one county took part in food preservation demonstrations. Club members dried 10,000 pounds of food.

Negro activities. - 31 of the 35 counties with negro county agents completed selection of neighborhood leaders to serve over 21,000 farm families.

